

and I do not begrudge him his rest in the Caribbean. But the reason of the worry was as I have stated it just now. Why do we keep on parading ourselves as capable of looking after the interests of Canada? Why this parade in every line where defence is mentioned in the Speech from the Throne? It is not the truth. We know it is not the truth.

The Speech says also that though we are getting ready to defend ourselves, we are making friends with other countries. The inference is, no doubt, that if we succeed well enough in making friends with those countries they will not attack us. But with whom are we making friends? First, with the United States. That is quite right. But who ever was afraid of the United States attacking us? We are making friends in a trade way with Great Britain. That is quite right. There is no treaty referred to anywhere else. The rest of the situation remains just as it was: the danger stays just as it was.

I read a speech the other day by one of the senators here—the honourable senator from Inkerman (Hon. Mr. Hugessen). I was appalled to think that such a deliverance could come from an honourable member of this House. I was appalled that we, a portion of the British Empire, a portion of democracy whose first line of defence is the Old Land, should proclaim it our duty to run to the coat-tails of Uncle Sam and tell him that if he will lead we will follow.

I suppose the Government are in constant touch with the British Admiralty and with the British War Office. I beg the Government to tell us frankly that they are taking part in Empire defence; that they are interested in the security of Britain, for they are and must always be; that they are interested in the security of France, and that in the defence of democracy they will not wait until three-quarters of its defences have gone. Let us talk common sense. Let us make use of the instincts of honour and the compulsions of reason that we believe in, every day of our lives, and apply them to these matters of life and death. That is what we are not doing. I am only too eager for Canada to do its share—do all it can. We know we cannot do everything, but we can assist the Old Land in certain ways. We know we are interested tremendously in her strength; that that strength shields us as nothing else can shield us. We ought to stand up frankly and so declare, and so teach our people in every province of this Dominion, instead of trying to conceal it as we are doing day by day, and as is manifestly attempted in this Speech from the Throne.

That is the appeal I make to the leader of the Government. On the facts he cannot have any other opinion than that which I have expressed. He has never given expression to any other opinion, nor has the Prime Minister. Why not be frank about it all? Why continue to have the fact cloaked under this smoky atmosphere of independent defence by ourselves, something we know we are utterly incapable of, something we never professed before, and which we know we cannot possibly develop in days to come?

I have no more remarks to make about this Speech from the Throne. I close by suggesting that when the Senate resumes after the coming adjournment we reappoint the committee which at the end of last session was drawing to a close its labours with respect to our railway problem, and that we seek to get that phase of our work effectively done before we address ourselves to the major work of this session.

I promise the leader of the Government to co-operate with him to the utmost and in the friendliest way to make this one of the most useful sessions in our history.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Dandurand, the debate was adjourned.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 3 p.m.

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## THE SENATE

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Wednesday, January 18, 1939.

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

### THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Senate resumed from yesterday the consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's Speech at the opening of the session, and the motion of Hon. Mr. Marshall for an Address in reply thereto.

Hon. RAOUL DANDURAND: Honourable senators, I desire first to thank the mover (Hon. Mr. Marshall) and the seconder (Hon. Mr. Prévost) of this Address for the very informative speeches which they have delivered in this Chamber. I must thank the honourable gentleman from Peel (Hon. Mr. Marshall) for having given us information of a kind which very few members of the Senate possessed. I always feel that this House is